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annum.  
For the Hongkong and Shanghai  
Banking Corporation,  
T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, May 15, 1895. 1515

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JOHN THURBURN,  
Manager, Hongkong.  
Hongkong, June 18, 1893. 228

### HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

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T. JACKSON,  
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Hongkong, April 30, 1895. 343

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" 3 " 3 " " " " "

A. C. MARSHALL,  
Manager, Hongkong.  
Hongkong, May 17, 1891. 525

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Surgeon-Dentist,  
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Hongkong, April 2, 1895. 520

## Intimations.

### NOTICE.

IN conformity with the Provisions of  
Regulation IV of the General Regula-  
tions of the Chinese Pilgrage Service, a  
BOARD OF APPOINTMENT will hold a  
COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION at the  
HARBOR MASTER'S OFFICE, CANTON, at 11  
a.m. on the 10th Instant, to Fill TWO  
VACANCIES in the CANTON PILOTAGE  
BODY.  
Only those who have served an Appren-  
ticeship are eligible for appointments.  
J. B. MAY,  
Harbour Master.

Custom House,  
Canton, 1st May, 1895. 517

### LOST.

ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON, between 4 and  
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LET.  
A REWARD of \$20.00 will be paid to  
any person on returning the same to Mr.  
BOWLER, PHA RECLAMATION OFFICE,  
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Hongkong, May 1, 1895. 522

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Agent for Hongkong & South China.  
Hongkong, May 1, 1895. 515

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AUTHORITIES as the  
BEST FOOD FOR INFANTS AND  
INVALIDS.

KAY & CO. (Sole Agents),  
29, Hollywood Road.  
Hongkong, May 1, 1895. 519

In the Matter of ROBERT FRASER-  
SMITH, Deceased.

PERSONS INDEBTED to the above  
ESTATE will oblige by PAYING the  
AMOUNTS DUE to the ESTATE OF  
THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH.

C. F. A. SANGSTER,  
Acting Registrar  
and Official Administrator.  
Hongkong, February 25, 1895. 526

### NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has from This Day  
TAKEN CHARGE of the CONSULATE  
GENERAL for the NETHERLANDS in  
South-China and of the CONSULATE  
for the NETHERLANDS at HONGKONG.

F. T. HAYER DROEZE,  
Consul General.  
Office: Connaught House, Nos. 4 & 5.  
Hongkong, April 23, 1895. 505

### UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.  
AN Interim BONUS of TWENTY-FIVE  
PER CENT. upon Contributions for  
the Year 1894 has been declared.  
WARRANTS will be issued on the 29th  
Instant.

By Order of the Board,  
DOUGLAS JONES,  
Acting Secretary.  
Hongkong, April 10, 1895. 744

### NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have been appointed  
SOLE AGENTS for WOOD & CO.'s well-  
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AUSTRALIAN TABLE BUTTER,  
in 1 lb. Tins. Fresh Stocks always on  
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GEO. F. LAMBERT,  
Dundell Street.  
Hongkong, April 20, 1895. 768

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secured the 1st Floor recently occupied by  
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fitted it up for  
LADIES' DINING ROOMS,  
with all conveniences attached. I am also  
now prepared to serve  
DINNERS, TIFINS & SUPPERS  
to parties when Ordered distinct from the  
ordinary Grill Room.

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W. THOMAS,  
Proprietor.  
Hongkong, April 29, 1895. 508

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Hongkong, April 23, 1895.

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LONDON. Bombay. About 7th May. Freight or Passage (calling at MANZELLES, if sufficient inducement offers).

LONDON, &c. Brindisi. Noon, 9th May. See Special Advertisement.

JAPAN. Ancona. Daylight, 11th May. Freight or Passage.

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Hongkong, May 2, 1895. 701

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Hongkong, March 29, 1895. 510

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E. J. RICHARDSON,  
Manager.  
Hongkong, January 21, 1895. 157

### Notice of Firm.

HONGKONG and WHAMPOA DOCK  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

DURING my Absence from the Colony,  
Mr. ROBERT COOKE will sign  
for the Company as ACTING GENERAL  
MANAGER, and Mr. THOMAS I. ROSE  
as ACTING SECRETARY.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
D. GILLIES,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, May 1, 1895. 510

### Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions  
to sell by Public Auction, on  
FRIDAY,  
the 3rd day of May, 1895, at 2.30 p.m., at  
his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road, —  
AN INVOICE OF  
JAPANESE WARE,  
comprising —  
KOTO, AWATA, VIOLIN, TAIKON and  
SATSUMI, VASES, JARNS, PLATES, INCENSE  
BURNERS, TEA and COFFEE SETS.  
KNICKERBOCKERS, BRONZES and ORNAMENTS.  
EMERALD GREEN GLASS, &c.  
TERMS of Sale:—As customary.  
J. M. ARMSTRONG,  
Auctioneer.  
Hongkong, April 30, 1895. 514

PUBLIC AUCTION  
OF  
VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD  
FURNITURE,  
COTTAGE PIANO, by BECHSTEIN,  
&c., &c., &c.

THE Undersigned has received instructions  
to sell by Public Auction, on  
SATURDAY,  
the 4th May, 1895, commencing at 2.30  
p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Dundell Street, —  
(For Survey: Accounts),  
A QUANTITY OF  
VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD  
FURNITURE,  
comprising —  
DRAWING ROOM SUITE, in SILK TAPESTRY  
and PLOUGH, LEATHER, and LINEN  
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ONE COTTAGE PIANO, by BECHSTEIN, in  
Splendid Condition.  
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ONE LOAN SAFE.  
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SEVERAL NEW JAPANESE SINGERS and  
DOUBLE REORGANS.

Catalogues issued previous to Sale. On  
View from Friday, the 3rd May.  
TERMS of Sale:—Cash on delivery.  
GEO. F. LAMBERT,  
Auctioneer.  
Hongkong, May 1, 1895. 520

## Shipping.

### Steamers.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND  
CALCUTTA.

The Steamship  
Catherine Apsar,  
Capt. J. G. O'NEILL, will  
be despatched for the  
above Ports on FRIDAY, the 3rd Instant,  
at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, April 27, 1895. 709

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,  
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FOR TIENTSIN.

The Steamship  
Nanchang,  
Capt. FRANKLIN, will be  
despatched as above on  
FRIDAY, the 3rd May.

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BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, April 23, 1895. 711

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NAGASAKI, KOBE AND  
YOKOHAMA.

The Steamship  
Eton,  
Capt. BARNES, will be  
despatched as above on  
or about SUNDAY, the 5th Instant, at  
Daylight.

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DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, April 26, 1895. 736

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FOR LONDON AND HAMBURG.

The Co.'s Steamship  
Polaris,  
Capt. E. STOTT, will be  
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the 6th Instant.

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Hongkong, April 29, 1895. 738

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The Company's Extra  
Steamship  
Nürnberg,  
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Passage, apply to  
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Agents.  
Hongkong, April 24, 1895. 773

WARRACK LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Steamship  
Macedonia,  
Capt. THOMAS, will be  
despatched for the above  
Port on or about the 20th May.

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DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, April 29, 1895. 810

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Capt. BARRETT, Master, will  
load here for the above Port, and  
will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to  
CARLOWITZ & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, March 27, 1895. 527

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The 100 A.T. British Ship  
Queen Margaret,  
Capt. PARKER, Master, will  
load here for the above Port, and  
will have quick despatch.



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Nor a little of the difficulties which he is in the way of inferring, in his knowledge of our language. We ourselves are often painfully impressed by our own want of knowledge of continental English, but the following hints are given to our readers, in the hope that they may be of some use to them. A well-known firm of merchants in Bombay this week received a letter from Munich, in which the writer first addressed the merchants in German and then, in the following paragraph, in English, saying that the person who was not a member of their staff who was acquainted with the language, went to the pains of endeavouring to express in English the purport of the original letter. The translation, a wonderful example of "English as it is taught in Germany" runs thus:—"With present permit I am your complaisant to pretend to take I entreat your courteous my petition entreats to be granted. When they the goodness have and me to my collection the of that place usual with stamp (worthless) to send me. I to tell you before me best thank and I am your always with pleasure to return willing and signature with particular respect."

The detection of the gas argon in the atmosphere is being followed by a rapid series of discoveries of great interest. Chemists have long known, theoretically, of the existence of another element, which has been called "Helium," and which was revealed by the spectroscopic, in the sun's rays. It was not known to exist in this planet. Professor Ramsay, a few days ago, in order to ascertain whether there was something in the world with argon would keep company, was examining the extremely rare earth found in Norway, known as cleveite. When this mineral was treated with weak sulphuric acid it gave off a gas which was hitherto regarded as nitrogen. The professor found by close examination that it was not nitrogen but argon, and, moreover, that it was associated with another gas, which he found to be—no use his words—a gas which has not yet been separated. He submitted it, to Professor Crookes, and the result is to show that gas thus found is helium. Mr. Bertelot, continuing his experiments in Paris, found in manipulating argon he developed an ordinary pressure of argon, fluorescent in colour and substance, greenish-yellow in colour, and characterized by the spectrum as similar to that of the aurora borealis. From this he deduced that the northern lights are caused by a fluorescent matter derived from argon and engendered through the influence of electric emanations developed from the atmosphere. Still another scientific triumph of the week is the liquefaction of hydrogen by Professor Olszewski of Cracow, Professor Dewar's rival. He finds that the lightest of all gases liquefies at 253 degrees below zero.

The following note is published in the Pilot Chart of the North Pacific Ocean, issued by the U.S. Hydrographic Office, for the purpose of the excessive refraction found in making observations of the sun in the Red Sea is the subject of a report recently received from Lieutenant W. A. Marshall, of the U.S.S. *Delicat*, Commander J. S. Newell, commanding, and it is suggested that many zigzag traces made in these waters are from this cause rather than from ocean currents, as has been supposed. Having had previous experience in navigating the Red Sea, the report states special attention was given to the subject during the passage of the *Delicat*. From off Shadwan Island, Lighthouse the ship was headed directly for the Brothers, where were made as calculated upon, while the same result was had in running to Dardanelles Strait Lighthouse. From the latter point the course was altered for 63 hours for the Island of Tair, a distance of 655 miles, and it was sighted directly ahead, but from the latter island to the small Strait of Babel Mandeb a current of 14 knots an hour setting N.W. by W. magnetic was encountered. As determined from stellar observations, errors of from 12 to 18 minutes of longitude resulted from a.m. and p.m. observations of the sun, notwithstanding that the utmost care was practiced in making the same. With the observation of meridian altitudes for latitude, and the observation of the sun's position during the passage, the ship being navigated entirely by means of early twilight, dawn, and night star sights. During the run from Jubal Strait to Dardanelles Strait a number of steamers standing up or down the Red Sea were sighted, and being steered from one to three points away from the course of the *Delicat*.

**"CAPTAIN SWIFT" AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE.**  
Like most of the plays presented to Hongkong theatre goers by the Grace Haythornthwaite Company, the woman with a past, figures prominently in "Captain Swift," which was staged at the City Hall Theatre last night. Mr. Haddon Chambers, however, has managed to subordinate her to other incidents which savour of Ibsen. The son of Mrs. Seabrook is taken to Australia as an infant and brought up by strangers, where he takes to a bush-life and becomes the notorious bush-ranger, Captain Swift, who yet has many fine traits of character about him. He comes to Hongkong in Mr. Wilding's yacht, his unknown mother as Mrs. Seabrook, with whose husband he has become acquainted. Here he falls in love with Stella Darbishire, who appears to be Mrs. Seabrook's daughter by a previous marriage. Curiously Wilding's identity is ascertained by Marshall, the butler, who was brought up with him as a boy in Australia, and a scar on Wilding's face converts the suspicion into certainty. Mr. Gardiner, a Queensland squatter, who comes to England and visits the Seabrooks, was once robbed by Captain Swift, and shows Wilding that he too recognizes him, and will kill him. An Australian detective turns up and tells on the track by Mr. Gardiner. Meanwhile Mrs. Seabrook discovers that Wilding is her son, a painful revelation follows, and Wilding is in despair when he finds he must abandon all thought of Stella. Parant is at hand, Mrs. Seabrook and Gardiner endeavour to help Wilding to escape, but he shoots himself behind the scenes, and dies. The curtain falls with the chief characters grouped in horror around his prostrate body. Mr. Montgomery showed his versatility by taking the part of Capt. Swift, which he played with dignified deportment. He was seen to much advantage in the emotional situations with Mrs. Seabrook, who found a careful exponent in Miss Dianora Ripley. Miss Grace Hawthorne displayed more of her ability as an actress in what was after all a minor part, Stella Darbishire. Mr. Hogan, Armistead and Mr. W. G. Carey gave careful and intelligent readings of their parts, while the minor characters were also well filled.

To-night "Daddy Dick," a capital farce, will provide a good laugh for the audience.

**HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.**

**CAPTAIN'S CUP.**

The Captain of the Club, Commodore Doyce, R.N., having very kindly again presented a cup to be played for monthly during the year, the first stage in connection with the same took place in the Happy Valley from April 27th to 30th. The cup for the first time is now held by Mr. J. Thurburn, who, it will be remembered, won the Captain's Cup outright last year, and he was evidently bent on making a bold bid for this one as well. His score of 79 is an excellent one, coming as it does after a recent reduction of his handicap. The same player also annexes the sweepstakes, this time consisting himself with a modest 52. Captain Doyce, R.N., as in the recent Macdonald competition, is again runner-up. Results:—

Mr. J. Thurburn	84	15	79
Mr. J. V. Eccles, R.N.	92	8	84
Mr. H. L. Dalrymple	100	10	90
Mr. C. Palmer	101	11	90
Mr. C. O. Marshall	111	21	90
Rev. R. E. Cobbold	106	13	93
Captain R. M. Doyce	103	8	95

**\* Wins the Cup.**

**\* Wins the Sweep.**

**ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.**

**THE CIVILIAN CUP.**

The last race of the season, for a Prize presented by the civilian members of the Club, was sailed on Sunday last, the 28th April, under a sealed handicap.

The course was the same as for the Commodore's Cup, namely, from a line off the Police Pier at Kowloon Point, round a mark near the Lyceum Pass, round Kowloon Rock, No. 1 Dock Bay, mark-off of Lyceum Pass and Kowloon Rock again, and finish at the starting line; distance 15 miles.

The following boats started at 11.15 a.m., in a fairly strong South-west wind:—

Arrow	1.5	Mr. Doyce
Erica	1.5	Mr. Doyce
Dart	1.5	Mr. Doyce
Stella	1.5	Mr. Doyce
Payne	1.5	Mr. Doyce
Ladybird	1.5	Mr. Doyce
She	1.5	Mr. Doyce
Com	1.5	Mr. Doyce
Seabrook	1.5	Mr. Doyce
May Queen	1.5	Mr. Doyce
Erica	1.5	Mr. Doyce

The *Erica* was first across the line at the crack of the bell, a few seconds after the *Dart*, *Payne*, *Dolphin*, *Ladybird*, *Rifin*, *Stella*, *May Queen* and *Com* in a cluster; the *Stella*, *Arrow*, *She* and *Seabrook* following close after them. The *Erica* at once went into first place, which she kept until near the Kowloon Rock on the first round. A grand fight was carried on between the *Dart*, *Dolphin* and *Payne*, which lasted all through the race. The *Erica* sailed wonderfully well going to windward; thanks, no doubt, to a huge batter she kept until near the Kowloon Rock on the first round. A grand fight was carried on between the *Dart*, *Dolphin* and *Payne*, which lasted all through the race. The *Erica* sailed wonderfully well going to windward; thanks, no doubt, to a huge batter she kept until near the Kowloon Rock on the first round. A grand fight was carried on between the *Dart*, *Dolphin* and *Payne*, which lasted all through the race. 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